

Claim Amendments

The amendments to the present claims have been made in response to suggestions by the Examiner to better clarify the invention. Some of these amendments are also intended to correct the errors identified in the Reissue oath/declaration. Furthermore these amendments correspond to broadened aspects of the invention. Thus, none of these amendments function to narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the amended claims are all in condition for allowance.

New Claims

Newly presented claims 28-78 recite additional aspects of coverage to which Applicants are entitled protection. These claims are fully supported by the specification. Additionally, the changes recited in these claims eliminate language that could give rise to “means plus function” interpretation.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that these claims are supported by the specification and in condition for allowance.

Missing Papers

It appears that executed copies of formal documents such as the assignee consent and offer to surrender may have been misplaced and are currently not available in file history. Applicants are unaware of ever having filed such papers without appropriate signatures. Review of applicants' file has revealed fully executed copies of these documents. Applicants therefore are including fully executed copies of these documents together with the present response.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the present reissue application and all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of which is required to make this response timely, and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such, to deposit account number 08-0219.

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